

September 13, 2006 Response to Office Action
In re Appln. of Schroeder et al.
Application No. 10/660,379

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REMARKS

The Pending Claims

The pending claims are directed to a chemical-mechanical polishing composition comprising fumed silica particles, at least one alkaline earth metal, an oxidizing agent, and a liquid carrier. Claims 1-42 currently are pending. Claims 43-98 are canceled.

Summary of the Office Action

The Office Action states that the application is in condition for allowance except for the cancellation of claims 43-98, which were not elected with traverse due to a previous restriction requirement.

Discussion

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 1-42. The applicants have canceled claims 43-98. The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance. The Examiner is invited to the undersigned representative with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,



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